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Appn. Number: 09/405,946
Filing Date: 09/27/99
First Applicant: Pierre Hilaire
Appn. Title: VALVED CONNECTOR WITH CLOSURE OPERATED BY
AXIAL MOVEMENT OF THE VALVE
Examiner: GAU: 3734

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

I, Pierre Hilaire, hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below and that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, the specification of which is attached hereto and which has the title:

VALVED CONNECTOR WITH CLOSURE OPERATED BY AXIAL
MOVEMENT OF THE VALVE

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby appoint James J. Leary, Reg. No. 35,237 and Carol D. Titus, Reg. Number 38,436 as agents, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office associated therewith.

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PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 USC 119

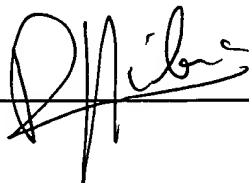
I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign patent application(s) listed below:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
EP	98402855.5	November 18, 1998	Yes

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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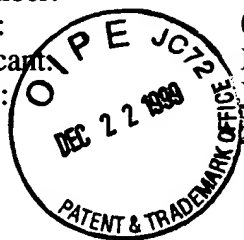
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Small Entity Declaration - Inventor

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35 United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to my above-identified invention described in the specification filed herewith.

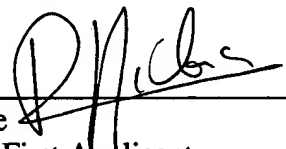
I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed - and am under no obligation under any contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license - any rights in the invention to either (a) any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or (b) any concern which would not qualify as either (i) a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or (ii) a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed - or am obligated under any contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license - any rights in the invention, is listed below:

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I acknowledge a duty to file, in the above application for patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

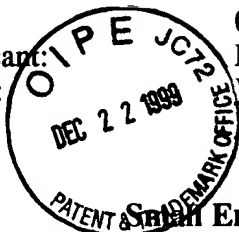


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Small Entity Declaration—Small Business Concern

I hereby declare that I am

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:

☒ an officer of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the above entitled invention of the above applicants and the specification filed herewith.

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Signature of Officer of Small Business Concern

Pierre Hilaire
Name of Officer

President
Title

November 8th 1999
Date